

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 10-17 and 20.

1. (previously presented) A guide for stabilizing a saw blade, said guide comprising:

a guide block having a first polygonal shaped surface for engaging a surface of said saw blade and a second opposing surface;

a single threaded shaft extending outwardly from a centerpoint of said second surface of said guide block, said threaded shaft having a first end rotatably engaging said guide block and a second end received in a mounting bracket of a saw mill;

a securing nut threadably engaging an outer threaded surface of said threaded shaft and positioned between said mounting bracket and said guide block, said securing nut being rotatable with respect to said threaded shaft such that a surface of the securing nut engages the second surface of said guide block upon rotation into engagement therewith thereby rendering the threaded shaft nonrotatable in relation to the guide block.

2. (withdrawn) The guide of claim 1 wherein said guide block comprises:

a base plate having a top surface and a bottom surface; and

an insert disposed on said bottom surface of said base plate, said insert having an upper surface in engagement with said bottom surface of said base plate and a lower surface for engaging a surface of a saw blade.

3. (withdrawn) The guide of claim 2 further comprising one or more fasteners for securing said insert to said base plate.

4. (withdrawn) The guide of claim 3, wherein said one or more fasteners extend from the bottom surface of the base plate into an upper surface of said insert.

5. (withdrawn) The guide of claim 4, wherein said one or more fasteners pass through corresponding one or more openings in said base plate.
6. (withdrawn) The guide of claim 5, wherein said one or more fasteners are threaded fasteners and said insert includes one or more corresponding threaded opening for receiving said threaded fasteners.
7. (original) The guide of claim 1, wherein said guide block is bi-metallic, the metallic material of said bi-metallic guide block proximal to the first surface thereof being harder than the metallic material proximal to the second surface thereof.
8. (original) The guide of claim 7, wherein the metallic material proximal to the first surface thereof is chromium-carbide.
9. (original) The guide of claim 8, wherein the metallic material proximal to the first surface thereof is austenitic chromium-carbide.
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